

ALL FACTIONS STRIVE FOR BIG REGISTRATION FOR PRIMARY BATTLE

Public Service Committee Urges Independents to Qualify That They May Aid Reform

THURSDAY FIRST DAY

YOU LOSE YOUR VOTE IF YOU DON'T REGISTER

You must register to be eligible to vote at the primary election on Thursday, September 2, when there will be nominations for Judges of the Superior, Common Pleas and Municipal Courts; Mayor, City Solicitor, City Controller, Recorder of Deeds, Sheriff, Coroner, Clerk of the Courts, County Commissioners, 17 members of Select Council, all of Common Council, 12 Magistrates, constables, school directors and election officers and assessors in every district.

The first registration day is Thursday, September 2. Registrars will sit at the polling places from 7 to 10 a. m. and from 4 to 7 p. m. You can buy poll tax receipts at the polling places.

Registration and enrollment are necessary before an elector can receive a party ballot. Registration without enrollment entitles an elector to vote only for candidates for the judges.

Other registration days will be Tuesday, September 7, and Saturday, September 11.

The Public Service Committee of 100 has launched a vigorous, city-wide campaign to obtain an early registration of independent voters. Notices directing the attention of the independents to the necessity of registering and enrolling have been sent to every elector whose name appears on the assessors' lists, and at a meeting of the executive committee tomorrow final arrangements will be made for the plans discussed at previous meetings to bring out the voters. Next Thursday is the first registration day.

Last year more than 100,000 electors in Philadelphia failed to register and were, therefore, not qualified to vote at the general election. This number is nearly one-third of the total number of citizens whose names are on the assessors' lists.

ALL PARTIES ACTIVE. The city committees of the Republican, Washington and Democratic parties are also active in their preparations to bring out a big registration this year, in view of the probable factional fight, with the ranks of the Republican Organization. A strong effort will be made this year to surpass the vote of 1911, when more than 25,000 ballots were cast.

With the judges and the Penrose-McNichol faction engaged in a bitter struggle to decide which wing of the Organization shall name the Organization candidate for Mayor, the independent electors are their chances of electing a successor to Mayor Blankenburg a man who will continue to give the city a constructive business administration could not be lessened. It is a fight similar to the one that is now threatening that resulted in the election of Rudolph Blankenburg four years ago.

With only two days remaining before the first of the three registration days, the independents have organized workers in every division in an effort to obtain the largest possible registration.

The election to be held this fall is of the utmost importance, because a Mayor and new Council are to be elected, among other municipal officers and judges of the courts.

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MUST ENROLL, TOO

Every elector must register before he is qualified to receive a ballot at the primary election. Registration alone, however, will entitle an elector to vote only for candidates for judges, who will be on the nonpartisan ballot.

Enrollment is essential before an elector can receive a party ballot. If he does not enroll he cannot vote for non-judges for Mayor, Council, the "row" offices or any other offices except judge. The registration days this fall occur later than in previous years, a law enacted by the last Legislature having abolished the August registration day.

Next Thursday, September 2, will be the first registration day this year. The other two will be Tuesday, September 7, and Saturday, September 11.

Tax receipts bearing a date of not more than two years will entitle the elector to register. If the elector has not paid a County or poll tax since November 2, 1914, he can purchase a poll tax at his polling place.

The polls will be open on each of the registration days from 7 to 10 a. m. and from 4 to 7 p. m.

BEATEN BY STAR BOARDER

Man Uses Lighted Cigar and Broom in Emphasizing Purpose to Quit

beating, brought on by upbraiding their star boarder for announcing that he would move, is responsible for the detention of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hiller, of 1208 North Howard street, at St. Mary's Hospital, where they are being treated for bruises and burns.

Charles Bolt, the boarder, who was held in \$500 bail, is charged today, with a lighted cigar in Hiller's eye and with Mrs. Hiller with a broom handle when he was urged to remain at their home, it was testified.

R. W. Sinclair, 46 years old, who lives near 18th street and Fairmount avenue, was arrested in the Detective Bureau today, when he went there to confer with a woman regarding the discovery of a band of pygmies, whose whereabouts Sinclair said he knew. He is charged with having passed a worthless check for \$10 to Samuel L. Fugli, of 75 North 14th street. Sinclair was offered, for several days, to reveal the whereabouts of burglars, and last night led detectives on a wild goose chase in the neighborhood of his home.

What a wife thought was a happy chuckle of her husband early today was his dying gasp. Her smile of appreciation quickly changed to grief as he died in her arms. Theodore Flowers and his wife Rose, of 358 Mount Vernon street, went to a motion picture show last night and returned late. They had seen a comic film. Mrs. Flowers heard her husband moving about in bed and chuckling, as she thought. When he began moaning she realized her mistake and summoned a doctor. Flowers died of heart disease before the physician arrived.

Night Fair for Wilmingtonians

WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 31.—For the first time in its history, the Delaware State Fair, which will open at Wilmington on September 5 and continue a week, will be kept open at night. The list of entries for the races is the largest in the history of the fair.

JITNEYMEN INDORSE PORTER

Owners of Nickel Cars Declare They Will Support Mayorality Hopes of Director

Director George D. Porter has received assurances of the support of a large number of jitney-men of Philadelphia in his candidacy for the mayorality. Assurance of their backing for his boom was given last night when Frank L. Reizner, president of the Market Street Business Men's Association, spoke in his favor at a meeting of jitney-men in the Parkway Building.

Mr. Reizner told the car owners at the meeting, which was held under the auspices of the Union Motor Bus Company, that if Director Porter were chosen mayor, all persons, including the jitney-men, would receive a square deal. He asserted that the jitney-men were driven off the streets of Philadelphia by Councils because of politics and the influence of certain corporations which he did not mention. The jitney-men applauded his support of Director Porter long and loudly.

Other speakers at the meeting were: Paul Randolph, president of the Union Motor Bus Company; Harry M. Berkowitz, County Commissioner, 17 members of Select Council, all of Common Council, 12 Magistrates, constables, school directors and election officers and assessors in every district.

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'POET WITH A PUNCH' SAYS HE HAD ARMFUL

Denies He Fought With Traction Employee—He Just Beat Him to a Pulp

Erwin Clarkson Garrett, a poet, son of Mrs. George L. Garrett, of 451 West Stamford street, Germantown, says the wrong impression has been given by the public on his arrest last Thursday at Cape May after what was chronicled as a fight between the poet and an employe of the street car company.

In the first place it was no fight; it was a severe punishment to the car company employe.

In the second place, the men were not separated. The poet was dragged from the fray only after he had severely thrashed his antagonist.

The trouble arose when a wire fell and the street car man was put on guard to warn pedestrians away from it. Garrett arrived to find the guard some distance away from the dangerous wire. He expostulated. He remonstrated. Then he started the chastisement.

It was a fight only for a few minutes. According to Poet Garrett's own statement to prove which by witnesses he is willing to pay a man's carfare to Cape May. The street car man was terribly beaten. His face was cut. His ribs were hammered. He was lacerated, bruised and otherwise made extremely uncomfortable. Mr. Garrett sums up all that happened to the other fellow in the following words:

"He was given a thorough thrashing." The authorities, according to Mr. Garrett, dropped the case against him after he agreed to pay all the hospital expenses of the street car man.

LOVERS NO LONGER SECURE

Spy With Field Glasses Can View Their Actions Through Two Miles Away

Lovers, take heed in Fairmount Park! A new and terrible method of spying on you has been discovered by the police—high-powered field glasses that can see a kile or a goo-goo eye two miles away without the viewer being seen.

The first offender was punished today. William Ramsey, 33 years old, 708 Tacoma street, Pittsburgh, stood on a bench near the Diamond street entrance yesterday and with an expensive pair of glasses swept the horizon to save walking. His visit in this city was short and he wishes to see a much of the park as possible. The scenery was inspiring. Here and there a leaf fell and a hint of Indian summer was in the air. He leveled the glasses at a clump of trees about a mile away.

At Fairmount Park, behind a tree, noted that the glasses were aimed steadily at the spot for 15 minutes. He also saw a broad grin overspread the gazers' and that Ramsey's two companions impatiently tugged at his sleeve for a look.

"Let me take a look, brother," said Noble, stepping from behind the tree. Ramsey's companions walked away quickly. What Noble saw he would tell no one except Magistrate Boyle, of the 29th street and Lanoster avenue station. The Magistrate gave Ramsey the choice of a \$10 fine or 10 days in jail and he chose the latter.

It took Robert Stator, of 280 Ashmead street, three hours and two miles to cause the arrest of a man who took two porch pillows, but he did it.

Stator met John Steinberger, 524 Germentown avenue, the alleged pillow thief, at Germentown avenue and Penn street, early today. They became friends, probably because it was so dark and lonely. Stator's suspicions became aroused when Steinberger suggested an automobile ride, and he determined to accompany him. It was a love and lewdness process. At Germentown and Duval streets Steinberger took two pillows from porches and at Walnut lane and Greene street the volunteer detective called Policeman Gowen. Magistrate Pennock, of the Germentown police station, sentenced Steinberger to the House of Correction for three months.

Lewis W. St. Clair, 29 years old, of 1606 Ridge avenue, accused of passing a worthless check on Morris Schenfeld, his next door neighbor, was held in \$500 bail by Magistrate Beaton today for a further hearing. Police of the 50th and Buttonwood streets station claim that the man passed several worthless checks and obtained about \$100 on them.

Seventeen-year-old Herbert Gilmore, 5419 North Boulevard street, angered by his mother's remonstrance at his staying out late, beat her and smashed all her dishes. His father, Thomas Gilmore, testified today before Magistrate Grellis, of the Ridge and Midvale avenues station. "He didn't hurt me much," pleaded the woman, interceding for her son. Gilmore was held in \$400 bail for a further hearing Sunday.

See the Window Demonstration of Ground-Gripper Shoes

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MICHELL'S SEED HOUSE, 518 Market St.

LAW SHATTERS VISION OF FINANCIAL EMPIRE, CRUSHING AGED MAN

Postal Inspectors End Operations of "Colonel" Wilkinson, Whose Enthusiasm Won Investors' Confidence

THEY LOST THEIR CASH

This is not a fairy tale, but rather the story of an old man of shattered visions—the story of a man who would have transplanted Europe to America and make the sunny lands of Tennessee an Utopia and an Eldorado, and himself a captain of industry and finance who would have made "Get-Rich-Quick" Wallingford look like an amateur.

This man's mind thought in millions; even a Morgan couldn't have had such visions as he; and his thoughts expressed themselves in words so cleverly that barrels of money floated in from all directions and the fame of his enterprise grew like a huge bubble. Somehow, the bubble must have been burst. The law got busy—and the bubble burst.

All this happened months ago. Yesterday the man sat for hours in the United States District Attorney's office and heard his friends testify that he was poor. He looked the part. Bent down with the weight of years and perhaps sorrow, "Colonel" George Wilkinson, former president of the Central Tennessee Development Company, heard testimony given before Postal Inspector Frank W. Smith, which will be used against him next November when he comes to trial in Tennessee.

"Colonel" Wilkinson was arrested and indicted on charges of conspiracy and fraud by the use of the mails. Although his operations were confined largely to the Spring City, Tennessee, proposition, many of the acts of this drama—drama indeed for the poor trusting souls of Tennessee who awoke too late to find themselves deceived—were carried out in this city of Brotherly Love. Wilkinson himself was born in Wellsville, Tioga County of this State. For a long time he had a suite at the Ritz-Bingham Hotel, and his associates are said to have parted with their hard earned savings in order that they might become rich over night. As for his wirely scheme—well, that will be told directly.

BELIEVE HIM HONEST

Those who testified in the Federal Building yesterday were Wilkinson's friends; at least they were his witnesses. Wilkinson declared that he did not have the necessary money to pay the office in Tennessee. They were Henry Julian, secretary of the Rider Cement Brick Machine Company; O. P. Jones and C. W. Fuller, both of Charlestown Township, Tioga County, and Norman Grey of Camden. Assistant United States District Attorney L. Pope came from Tennessee to attend the hearing.

Although the witnesses declared they thought Wilkinson was honest, Government officials said the testimony had been damaging to the defendant and that the postal inspectors had recognized what they termed a common scheme to defraud.

Now for the scheme. The scene must be shifted to Spring City, Tenn. The coming of "Colonel" Wilkinson to this city was unheralded. He "tooted his own horn," as he headed his financial prowl toward Spring City, and soon the whole of Rhea County was a wake. He said he was financially astute and promised industrial developments and renewed activities which would transform that mountain section into a veritable Eldorado.

As if by magic, cities and towns were to spring into existence and citizens were to become rich over night. Vast mineral deposits were to be opened up. There were to be built. Even a small creek there was to be widened into a mighty waterway which would help to transform that town of 1500 into a world metropolis which would rival New York.

HE "CURSED" MORGAN. Wilkinson told the wondering citizens he was on familiar terms with J. Pierpont Morgan, the late financier. He even told a story of how he had seen Morgan out on his yacht and how Mr. Morgan had called on him to express his regrets.

But wonders would not cease. The "Colonel" insisted that the best land in America would make it the finest on earth. He planned to build a sanatorium which would make Spring City the Carlsbad of America. In fact, the one building which was under construction was considered and the many promised features presented themselves in massed array.

The fertile valleys about the "great city" were to be dotted with farms and ranches. The whirl of textile machinery was to mingle with the noise of machine shops. The wide-eyed students saw a veritable land of promise.

The "Colonel" was the man of the hour. He had a lordly hand. He was courted and entertained. Citizens vied with each other to give him a dinner. After a conference with the leading citizens, Wilkinson began to explore the surrounding country. He made an investigation of cross-country roads he had planned for the various industries.

PENNSY PAYS \$465,000 TAX

Payments Threaten to Break Record. Penalties After Today

A check from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for \$465,000 was among those received by Receiver of Taxes W. Freeland Kendrick today, the last day for the payment of realty and school taxes for the week.

A penalty of 1 per cent. will be imposed on all delinquents, and large crowds have been storming the central and eight branch offices of the Receiver of Taxes all day, with the result that more than \$3,000,000 probably will be paid before the offices close. This sum will establish a new high-water mark for the office. The payments yesterday aggregated \$1,600,000.

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GENERAL VON EICHHORN German leader who captured Kovno and is now directing drive against Vilna.

VETERANS NOMINATE MEN FOR COMMANDER

Hot Fight Being Waged Among Delegates to Convention at Scranton

SCRANTON, Pa., Aug. 31.—Captain Edward H. White, of Chicago, Captain Thomas Golding, of New Jersey; Lieutenant Governor Barrett O'Hara, of Chicago, and Congressman L. C. Dyer, of Missouri, were mentioned for the office of Commander of the Spanish-American War Veterans at the session this morning.

Efforts to stampede the convention for O'Hara and Dyer missed fire. The latter stated that O'Hara had dropped out in favor of Captain White. O'Hara now declares he will stay in the race to the finish.

Every train this morning brought in delegations of veterans to participate in the parade, and the city is a mass of color, the gray and blue of the veterans' uniforms predominating.

After the parade, the Imperial Order of the Dragon will hold its annual meeting, and later a full ceremonial session will be held. The evening Order of Snails will have its parade and initiatory session.

COP'S LADDER SAVES FOUR FROM FLAMES

Nearly Overcome by Smoke When Policeman Helps Them to Safety

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MACHINE GUNS BARK, MEN CHARGE TRENCHES, IN PLATTSBURG "WAR"

"Blue" Army's Defense Against Invasion of Enemy's "Red" Forces Gives Close Imitation of Actual Conflict

CAPTIVES LOSE TOBACCO

MILITARY INSTRUCTION CAMP IN FIELD, ROUSE'S POINT, N. J., Aug. 31.—A battle, in which more than 1000 men took part, fought over more than a mile of front, was the feature yesterday of the maneuvers in which the business men of the Plattsburg training camp are participating. It was the most pretentious event of the war game so far, and the hundred or so Philadelphians who, for three weeks have been studying the science of war, got as near the real thing as any of them care to. For the first time all the forces were engaged and the fighting assumed the proportions of a pitched battle, in contrast to the skirmishing to which the efforts of small parties had been confined up to that time.

The Blue forces broke camp at Cooperstown early. The attempt was to change the enemy and prevent a junction of a Red force moving from the town of Champlain, with another Red force established at Rouse Point, on Lake Champlain.

The latter Red force had sufficient time to become entrenched thoroughly in an excellent position on a height back of the small town that bears the promontory's name.

The Blue force, however, were not aware of that fact. After marching for four miles or so from Cooperstown, the patrols and advance guards came in contact with the enemy patrolling camp, slowly forcing them back. As the right flank guard, consisting of half the business men, swung through the town of Rouse Point, the fighting became hot and extremely spectacular.

The advance patrols kept up a continual fire from various vantage points in the town. The battle was fought from the pump in a backyard to a passing buggy with a terrified farmer inside, trying to make out what it was all about. The town was being cleared as the cavalry fell back. The flank guard then proceeded toward the enemy's position, the main body swinging in from the west along the road from Champlain.

It was then the battle started. Against the 200 of the Red force, strongly entrenched, the Blues proceeded as a skirmish line consisting of a thin line of machine-gunners, followed by more than a mile from one end to the other in a great semicircle. Supported by artillery and machine-gun fire the line eventually broke through the enemy's position with a bayonet charge of 300 excited, shouting men, who were stopped a few feet from the trenches by the whistles of the umpires.

The whole scene during the battle would have brought joy to the heart of the most exacting militarist. The fire was continuous for more than an hour, sputtering with accuracy from various quarters and the barking machine guns contributed their share to the general racket.

No decision was rendered, it not being the policy of the umpires to breed any spirit of competition among the men. The umpires were everywhere designated by white bat bands. At intervals, after studying the action, they would send word to one officer or another to retire or wounded. Those men would then drop where they were. The captured, and there were many of them, stayed in place and green their hats. Further, a penalty for their lack of alertness, they had to sacrifice all their tobacco to the capturing force.

The citizens of Rouse's Point had the time of their lives. It is not often that a spectator can witness a battle with personal safety guaranteed.

Today the Blue army broke camp at Rouse's Point and proceeded in the direction of Moores, 12 miles away, where it is expected it will bivouac tonight.

ACCUSED MEN EAT EVIDENCE Suspected of Using "Dope" They Swallow Powders

Two men, accused of drug-using, hastily swallowed whatever evidence there was against them when a policeman approached them at the Philadelphia Hospital by Magistrate Belcher, of the 10th and Buttonwood streets station, for treatment.

The prisoners, John O'Connor, of Federal street near 11th, and Harry Chase, of Sigel street near 9th, were sitting on the steps of the 1st Regiment Armory, Broad and Callowhill streets, when Detective Weckesser walked by. Their actions aroused his suspicions, and when he suddenly turned they swallowed some powders, he said.

Prominent Cuban Engineer Here Jose R. Villalou, Cuban delegate to the International Engineering Congress, which will meet in San Francisco, and Mrs. Villalou, accompanied by the Bellevue-Stratford today, en route to the Pacific coast. Mr. Villalou was the representative of Cuba at the National Star Spangled Banner celebration held last year in Baltimore.

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FENCIBLES RECRUIT MANY

Citizens Eager to Learn Rudiments of Military Art in Three-Day Training Camp

Recruiting is going on rapidly today at the State Fencibles Armory, Broad and Cherry streets, of citizens who will make up the detachment of 200 in the three-day military training camp at Broomall, to start Friday. Sixty-three citizen soldiers were enlisted last night.

The encampment will be concluded along the lines of that at Plattsburg, N. Y. Major Thomas S. Lannard, of the Fencibles, and his staff will give military instruction. The three days will include 37 hours of drill, hikes and rudimentary training.

Only a few of the regular enlisted men and non-commissioned officers will be taken along to balance the raw recruits; promotions will be made at the camp. Major Lannard also will give warrants to corporals or sergeants to about 50 of the more proficient recruits at the close of the camp.

REED BIRD HUNTERS ON TRAIL TOMORROW

Open Season Until October 31. Other Wild Fowl Safe Until October 10

Guns, amateur and professional, are busily cleaning their rifles today in anticipation of the opening of the reedbird season tomorrow.

Reedbirds, which are the Cooper, Rancoes and other creeks in New Jersey, and similar streams in Pennsylvania, the birds have been seen in large flocks, and plenty of sport is assured the gunners up until October 31, when the season closes.

The